

# ***“Preaching that Prompts”***

## Deuteronomy 1

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**\*\*\* VIDEO: “No Excuses” by David Bowman \*\*\***

**PROMPT** (*verb*) 1. to induce to action. 2. to inspire. 3. remind.  
- Random House Webster’s Dictionary

- 1:1 *“...in the wilderness”* (the “venue” speaks volumes!)
- 1:2-3 *“It is eleven days journey... in the fortieth year Moses spoke to the children of Israel...**ALL that the Lord had commanded him to give to them...**”*  
- Note and contrast the difference between the 11 vs. 40  
- Note that Moses “spoke ALL that the Lord COMMANDED him...”
- 1:5 **Desert discipleship...** *“in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to expound this law”*
- 1:6 *“The Lord our God spoke to us...”*  
- Note “our God” – He is personal and He is ours... Amen!  
- Note “God spoke to us” – He is relational & He communicates with His children!
- 1:8 *“See, I have placed the land before you, **go in and possess** the land which the Lord swore to give your father...”*  
- Note the meaning and implications for the following words:
  - “Placed”
  - “Swore”
  - “Give”
- 1:10 *“The Lord your God has multiplied you... like the stars of heaven...”*
- 1:11 *“May the Lord increase you a thousand-fold more... and bless you... as He has promised...”*
- 1:16-17 *“I charged your judges... You shall not show partiality in judgment... **You shall not fear man, for the judgment is God’s...**”*
- 1:18 *“**I commanded you at that time ALL the things that YOU should DO.**”*
- 1:19-22 *“Then we set out from Horeb...”* (note the sequence) *and we came to Kadesh-barnea. I said to you... go up, take possession, as the Lord... has spoken to you. Do not fear or be dismayed... **Then all of you approached me and said, ‘Let us send men before us, that they may search out the land for us...**”*  
- Note how **REASON often RUINS OBEDIENCE...**

- Note therefore the sin of “reason”
- **Martin Luther:** “Reason is the Devil’s whore!”

1:24-27 *“They...spied it out... and brought us back a report... ‘It is a good land which the Lord is about to give us.’ Yet, you were not willing to go up, BUT, rebelled against the command of the Lord your God; and you grumbled...”*

- The A,B,C’s of “Desert Sin” = A). **Acknowledge**; B). **...But...** C). **Cower.**

1:28 *“Where can we go up? Our brothers have **made our hearts melt...**”*

- Remember Jesus’ words: “You are either for Me or against Me. Either you are helping Me to GATHER, or you are SCATTERING.”
  - Notice that one of the best way to “scatter” is to cause doubt in others
  - **“Scatterers” come in many shapes and sizes... Beware!**

1:29-31 *“Then I said... do not be shocked or fear them. The Lord your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf, just as He did... in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness where you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as a man carries his son... all the way... until you came to this place...”*

1:32-33 ***“But for all this, you did not trust the Lord your God, who goes before you... in fire by night and cloud by day, to show you the way... you should go.”***

1:34-36 *“Then the Lord heard the sound of your words, and He was angry and took an oath, saying, ‘Not one of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers, except Caleb... to him I will give the land on which he has set foot, **BECAUSE HE HAS FOLLOWED THE LORD FULLY.**”*

### **\*\*\* VIDEO: “War Cry” by Eric Ludy \*\*\***

1:37 *“The Lord was angry with me also on your account...”*

1:38 *“Joshua... shall enter there; ENCOURAGE him for he will cause Israel to inherit it.”*

1:40 *“But as for you, turn around and set out for the wilderness...by way of the Red Sea”*

- DISOBEDIENCE is DESTINE for the DESERT!
- Don’t take God’s conditional promises for granted...

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1:41 *“Then you said to me, ‘We have sinned against the Lord; we will go up and fight, just as the Lord our God commanded us...”*

- **Too little, too late!**
- Obedience is a rigid reality... and **timing is just as critical as temperament**

1:42 *“And the Lord said to me, ‘Say to them, Do not go up nor fight, for I am not among you; otherwise you will be defeated...”*

1:43 *“**...but you would not listen.** Instead, you rebelled... and acted presumptuously...”*

- Note the arrogance of “religious familiarity”
- Notice how “proximity” to God births casual over-confidence & SIN!

- 1:44 **CONSEQUENCE:** *“The Amorites... CRUSHED YOU... Then you wept before the Lord; but the Lord did not listen to your voice nor give ear to you.”*
- RELIGIOUS DISOBEDIENCE WILL GET CRUSHED!
  - **God did, does, and will ignore the cries & prayers of obstinate sinners.**
- 1:46 *So (therefore), you remained in Kadesh many days...*
- 2:1 **Then** (the next meaningful event) **we turned and set out for the wilderness...**

**Ask yourself: “Why would Moses preach this way?”**

**ANSWER: Because death looms in the desert!**

**\*\*\* VIDEO: “Jeremiah” by David Bowman**